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neighborhood improvement plan

# Tully-Senter



STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE





# Vision

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## Create A Sense Of Community

The residents of Tully-Senter envision the area as one which encompasses all neighborhoods in the area and there is a true sense of community. The residents recognize that there are many assets in the neighborhoods upon which to build. The assets include good access to freeways, the George Shirakawa Community Center, several schools, Kelley Park and the Coyote Creek Park Chain and most importantly, a strong commitment on the part of all residents to improve the area in which they live. The community also realizes that there are areas in which improvements could be made. The residents of Tully-Senter envision a future where:

- Community facilities are readily available so that people have the opportunity to learn, socialize, and obtain support services;
- Streets have appropriate accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists;
- Circulation in the Tully-Senter area is efficient, streetscapes are attractive, and traffic calming measures contribute to a smooth flow of traffic and a safe street environment;
- Open space, park and recreational opportunities for the community are adequate and access is improved;
- Convenient parking is available and sufficient for the needs of the residents and local businesses;

- The Tully-Senter area does not feel overcrowded and is characterized by private properties and public areas which are well-maintained, well-lit, attractive and clean;
- Streets in the neighborhoods are lined with well-maintained and mature street trees which provide a rich canopy of shade for the residents;
- Residents in the Tully-Senter area have a strong sense of pride in their neighborhoods and work together to improve their community.

# **Tully-Senter Neighborhood Improvement Plan**

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# Executive Summary

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The Tully-Senter Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Neighborhood Improvement Plan has resulted from the commitment made by the Mayor and City Council to work in partnership with San Jose residents and businesses to strengthen the City's neighborhoods. The plan was developed as a shared community/City vision for improving the neighborhood conditions, enhancing community safety, coordinating and improving community services, and strengthening community associations. In Tully-Senter, community participants identified six community goals for achieving their planning vision.

## Goals

- 1 Neighborhood Appearance and Maintenance Goal:**  
*Achieve an attractive and orderly looking neighborhood.*
- 2 Transportation and Parking Goal:**  
*Promote accessibility, parking, and safety for residents on local streets while reducing the adverse impacts of cut-through traffic.*
- 3 Land Use Goal:**  
*Retain the wide variety of housing and commercial retail shopping opportunities.*
- 4 Parks and Recreation Goal:**  
*Enhance and improve neighborhood connections and community use of Kelley Park and Coyote Creek open space and trails while expanding close to home neighborhood-serving parks.*
- 5 Social and Cultural Goal:**  
*Celebrate the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of the area while fostering neighborhood communication, unity and inclusion.*
- 6 Community Facilities and Services Goal:**  
*Improve community facilities and services on all community levels.*

Through a series of Neighborhood Advisory Committee meetings and Community Workshops Tully-Senter residents created a plan including over 150 actions to achieve the six goals. Priority was given to ten actions established to focus the first steps of early plan implementation.

## Priority Actions

- 1** Establish a “school hub”, a community facility that provides space for multiple service providers, at Fair Junior High School or Santee Elementary School.
- 2** Improve the McLaughlin Avenue right-of-way between Story and Tully Roads to reduce the effects of heavy traffic volumes and enhance pedestrian convenience and streetscape appearance.
- 3** Conduct and Implement Neighborhood Traffic Calming Studies and Stripe On-Street Parking Spaces in Selected Areas.
- 4** Develop a prototype school/City joint-use neighborhood park at the Meadows Elementary School.
- 5** Provide a code enforcement coordinator or “ombudsman” to address the whole range of code and nuisance problems present in the Tully-Senter community.
- 6** Build a pedestrian bridge over Coyote Creek.
- 7** Maintain neighborhood street trees.
- 8** Remove the unsightly chain link fence at the Highway 101/Tully Road interchange and replace with a high, resilient, and attractive fence and landscaping.
- 9** Complete Lucretia Avenue public right-of-way improvements from Story Road to Tully Road.
- 10** Construct a mini park at a site located on Nisich Drive .



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